

CHILD LABOR SUMMARY SHEET

When there is a difference in state, federal or local law regarding child labor, the law providing the most protection to the minor takes precedence.

Below are the more restrictive requirements for employing a minor.

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MINIMUM AGE	14 Years of Age	FEDERAL
EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATE (Work Permit)	17 Years of Age & Under	STATE
(Includes home schooled minors & minors from out-of-state working in Georgia)	Obtained from Georgia School attended OR County School Superintendent	
HOURS OF WORK Minors 14 & 15 Years of Age	3 Hours (school day) 8 Hours (non-school day) 18 Hours (school week) 40 Hours (non-school week) Not during normal school hours. Not before 7 a.m. Not after 7 p.m. (Evening hours extended to 9 p.m. June 1 to Labor Day).	FEDERAL
HAZARDOUS OCCUPATIONS Minors 17 Years of Age & Younger	Manufacturing & storing explosives; motor vehicle driving & outside helper; coal mining; logging & sawmilling; power-driven woodworking machines; exposure to radioactive substances; power-driven hoisting apparatus; power-driven metal-forming, punching, and shearing machines; mining; slaughtering; meat-packing, processing or rendering; power-driven bakery machines; power-driven paper products machines; manufacturing brick, tile, & kindred products; power-driven circular saws, band saws, & guillotine shears; wrecking; demolition, & shipbreaking operations; roofing operations; excavation operations.	FEDERAL
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	May not: Dispense, serve, sell or take orders for alcoholic beverages. (EXCEPTION: Where alcohol is sold for consumption OFF the premises). NOTE: Local law may be more restrictive.	STATE
PROHIBITED OCCUPATIONS Minors 15 Years of Age & Younger	Machinery; motor vehicles; equipment; food process; fixtures; railroads; unguarded gears; vessels or boats; dangerous gases or acids; communication or public utilities; freezers; meat coolers; loading and unloading trucks, railroad cars, conveyors, etc.; warehouses; scaffolding or construction; mines, coke breaker, coke oven, or quarry.	STATE
	Manufacturing; mining; public messenger service; construction; work in/about Boilers or Engine Rooms; cooking; (Includes power mowers or cutters - including weed eaters).	FEDERAL
MINORS IN ENTERTAINMENT	Requires special application and certificate of consent. Certificate of consent must be issued by Georgia Child Labor Section prior to minor beginning work.	STATE

NOTE: Minors working for a parent/guardian who owns the business are exempt from all but the hazardous/prohibited occupation restrictions.

Child Labor personnel are available, when scheduling is possible, for presentations to school classes, issuing officers, PTA's, employer groups, etc. Please contact the Child Labor Section if you are interested.

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON CHILD LABOR PLEASE CALL:

Georgia Department of Labor

Child Labor Section (404) 232-3260

www.dol.state.ga.us

U.S. Department of Labor

Wage & Hour Division (404) 893-4600 (Atlanta)

(912) 652-4221 (Savannah)

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